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GREETINGS from College Heights!

Claude Rose, Editor

Once more the Yuletide Season has rolled around on ye olde calendar, and Western music alumni and friends need to be brought up to date as well as sent the warmest of SEASONS GREETINGS! With the strains of Handel's MESSIAH ringing through the halls of the Music building, there is not much doubt what annual Christmas event is in preparation. December 17 is the date.

ACTIVITIES OF 1960-61

The usual activities have found their places in the always busy schedule of the music department. Last Spring there were festivals, senior recitals, Choir and Wind Ensemble tours, four faculty at Asheville SREC Conference, faculty judging in Tennessee, Missouri, and Illinois, Phi Mu Alpha initiation, Music Educators' May luncheon, in addition to concerts by the band, wind ensemble, and the chorus and orchestra in Mendelssohn's ELIJAH.

The annual May Luncheon of the Music Ed. Club was held at the Western Hills with Jim Jones, minister of music at First Baptist Church, as speaker telling of his experiences in Scotland at a church music festival. Helen Stinnett from Madisonville received the senior music honor award, and Bill Warren from Ottawa, Ill., was elected President for 1961-62.

Following the lead of the male contingent of the music department, the women organized a local group to petition for a chapter in a national music sorority. The group called themselves "The Hillpipers" and presented a recital as a project.

Iota Mu chapter of PHI MU ALPHA Sinfonia held its Founders Day dinner-dance at Farrells Restaurant and at the Cherry Cottage on Barren River. During intermission the "pin pinning" ceremony was conducted and the newly "engaged" couples each receive a rose. Jo Ann Jones was crowned as Sinfonia Sweetheart. A gala occasion!

Those graduating in music in June and August included: Gayle Buchheit, Sandra Cooksey, John Hack, Betty Ingram, Jo Ann Jones, Vincent Magaracci, Sonja Payne, Mary Ann Render, Patsy Russell, Earledeen Atwood Smith, Robert Stevens, Helen Stinnett. Regina ~~and~~ Wilkins and Tommie Cagle received the Masters degree in music education.

FALL 1961-62

The Hilltop was literally flooded with students when school opened in September. In fact, Western established something of a national record with its record 33 1/3 percent increase over the previous year. 4795 students went through the regular registration line. Every dormitory is overflowing, and some students had to return home or commute from far places because of the housing shortage. The latest new dormitory was suddenly changed from a boys dorm into a girls dormitory until the new SIX story girls dormitory is completed on the Kentucky Building campus.

The Music department is holding its own this year with 75 music majors. The Marching Band enjoyed a very successful season with the last part of the season being made exciting with the arrival of the new band uniforms. They arrived just two days before Homecoming. The uniform is midnight blue with red and white trim. Double white citation chords are set off with a short red and white reversible satin cape with a large "W" in the middle. Pershing caps with white plume and red and white braid set off the ensemble along with white gloves and white spats. Western now owns the best-dressed band in the South!

BAND DAY saw 21 bands take part in the parade and half-time activities along with over 200 cheerleaders here for the annual clinic. The Central City band was judged best band in the parade, and Providence had the best majorette corps.

HOMEcoming was made gala this year by the new band uniforms as well as a good gro of alumni back for the Music Breakfast held this year at Western Hills. About 75 came out at the early hour of 8:15 A.M. to enjoy a good time together even though it was cut short due to the earlier time scheduled for the parade which was double in size this year. The first section consisted of the Homecoming units, and the remainder was devoted to entries in the first Tobacco Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A light drizzle did not dampen the spirits. Of course the afternoon was further enjoyed with the fine show of the band and a victory from our great football team over our good friends from Morehead.

KNEA STATE CONVENTION was held on the Western campus November 16-18 with Ye Editor as chairman. Many alumni came back to Western for the occasion. The new Thompson Science Hall and Snell Hall accomodated most of the convention sessions. The All State Orchestra was under the direction of Willis Page, director of the Nashville Symphony, and the All State Chorus of 300 voices was directed by Dallas Draper from L.W.U. A new feature of this year's convention program was a BAND-A-RAMA show held in the stadium. Four high school bands (Bowling Green, Caldwell Co. from Princeton, Central City, and Madisonville) each put on a regular half-time band show. The weather man cooperated and a good crowd was on hand to see these champion marching groups.

DELTA OMICRON was formally installed on the Western campus the week end of December 10 and 11. Twenty-one girls were initiated into the Omicron Omicron chapter as charter members with Miss Gertrude Bale as faculty advisor, Mrs. Ed Knob as sponsor and Dr. Stone as patron. A formal musicale in the form of an original musical fantasy was presented by the group in Snell Hall on Sunday afternoon followed by a reception in honor of the National President who was here to preside over the installation.

TWO SYMPHONIES again are appearing on the Western campus this year. The Louisville Orchestra made a return engagement with two concerts in October, and the St. Louis Symphony will be here March 13 on the Community Concert series. The Louisville String Quartet presented a concert the first night of the KNEA convention.

WHO'S WHERE AND WHY

Last Year's Graduates:

Sandra Cooksey and Betty Ingram both are teaching in Marion County, Lebanon, Ky.

Patsy Russell is teaching at Centertown.

Bob Stevens is band director at Richland, Va., taking Bob Toney's place who has moved to Jacksonville, Fla., to teach with Joe Lippo.

Mary Ann Render is doing graduate work at Eastman.

Helen Stinnett is doing graduate work at Peabody on a fellowship.

Sonja Payne is now Mrs. Murrell and teaching at Owensboro Junior High.

John Hack is studying at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Gail Buchheit is music director at Caneyville.

Jo Ann Jones is teaching music in her home town at Vine Grove.

Earldeen A. Smith is teaching music at Hughes-Kirk.

Other Grads and their doings:

Larry Moore, '60, is band and choral director at Campbellsville high school.

Clarice Miller, '52, is teaching in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Ed. Bridges, '52, was in summer school at Eastman. During the year he is in Texas directint a service band.

Marjorie Hanks Steen, '47, was in summer school at Western. She is teaching at Marathon, Florida. Her husband is a fisherman's guide in the Florida Keys.

Jack and Anita Lawson, '49, and two children stopped at Music Hall in July. He is band director at Columbia, Mississippi.

Karlene Engelman, '60, was in summer school at Western studying English.

Francine Walker Markwell, '59, was on the campus this summer while husband Ronnie was working on his masters degree. She is choral director at Daviess Co. High School.

Charles Ball, '54, is at Peabody working on the Ph D. degree.

Vernon Spurling, '60, is in Washington D. C., and was recently selected to play in the NORAD band which is a sort of All Service band. He still blows the tuba!
William Miller, '54, is in Europe studying and singing opera.
Boogie Long, '59, is in Nashville studying at Peabody and playing in Nite Clubs.
Jim "Skip" Jensen, '53, was in a fatal airplane crash last April while on a routine mission. Annabelle is in Hopkinsville with the children and teaching Math.
Rogers Magee, '42, sent us a card from Paris where he and Jo spent the summer.
Gene Hoggard, '51, is taking his LaRue County Marching Hawks to the Orange Bowl.
Ronnie & Evelyn Champion, both '60, had a baby girl recently. Ronnie is teaching in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

June Morris Steenberg, Ex '62, had a baby girl recently. She plans to return to school to finish her degree next semester.

Doris Glasscock Bell is also back in school and expects to finish her degree next year. She and her two lovely children have an apartment in the Shell Apartments.
Ann Duke Schirtzinger is also in school on Saturdays and in the summer. She is teaching music in Ohio County and is singing one of the solos in this years MESSIAH. She sang the soprano solos in the Central City performance of the same work, Dec. 11, with Ye Editor conducting. David Williams and Bill Brown, both seniors, also sang solo parts.

Jeanette Sallee, '58, and David Williams and Marta Melendez, seniors, all sang in in the Stephen Foster Story production in Bardstown last summer.

FACULTY NEWS:

Again our music faculty is intact the same as the year before.
Mr. Thaden and Mr. Beach were at Florida State U. last summer. Mr. Beach worked with the famed brass teacher, Mr. Kramer, and has already made a tremendous difference in the brass playing in the band and the brass choir. He, Mr. Beach, recently presented a very successful brass clinic. Mr. Pauli, Miss Chisholm and Dr. Stone attended the recent meeting of KMTA at Berea. Messrs. Beach and Knob are playing in the Nashville Symphony as is Mrs. Thaden. The rest of us have been busy with activities already mentioned. Ye Editor is President of the newly formed professional education fraternity on the campus, PHI DELTA KAPPA, and will attend the National Council meeting at Bloomington Indiana during the Xmas vacation.

CODA:

We are always interested in your activities both personal and professional. Drop us a line occasionally and send programs for our bulletin boards. Keep us informed about changing addresses so that we can keep in touch with you all! Also, we are always anxious to hear about prospective music students for our growing department. We are depending upon you alumni to help us achieve our goal of 100 outstanding Music Majors!

MERRY CHRISTMASS TO YOU AND YOURS
AND
BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY 1962 !!